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Now that the great presidential struggle is over the country can at once get down to its work again and for two years, at least, devote itself uninterruptedly to furthering the material progress which for some time past has been so notable in certain States.

Among these rapidly developing portions of the Union none surpasses Texas. The "fever" of industrial expansion was comparatively late in striking this State, but it has already begun to burn fiercely.

The showing in growth of population which we made in the census has attracted the attention of the press of the Nation. Our percentage of growth was nearly double that of the country at large and we now stand prominently toward the head of the list with more than 3,000,000 inhabitants.

The general public understands perfectly that such a large population must be engaged necessarily in diversified labors. No State with 3,000,000 people would be devoted exclusively to cattle raising or farming. That degree of population presupposes large and thriving towns, extensive transportation and commercial facilities and many useful industries. The mere fact that we have as many millions in numbers will turn anxious inquiries in this direction. Home-seekers and investors will want to know what have been the peculiar inducements that have enabled Texas to draw population during the past ten years at a much greater and faster rate than any of the other States. Inquiry will result in enlightenment and enlightenment in further progress.

Politics out of the way there should now be a concerted movement in and among all the wide-awake communities of the State to publish our great opportunities, and the facts of our rapid development, to the balance of the country and the world at large. We ought to indulge in no "resting spell." The most wonderful advancement in our history can be ours within the next few years if we will only work it.

And here capital ought to courageously take the lead. We have the local money in abundance and when once strangers see that we ourselves have faith in our home investments, millions of outside money will flow in.

Work, work for crop diversification, work for industrial expansion, work for a still larger population, work for Texas, should be the watchword now!

THE EAGER STOCK GAMBLERS.

We were told in the dispatches to yesterday's papers that the big brokerage firms in New York whose business is chiefly with the stock speculations on the great exchanges would have their offices open all night Tuesday night, and late Wednesday morning, in order to accommodate such people as might want to place buying and selling orders for the London stock market of today in consequence of the election returns.

In other words, these wide-awake gamblers were determined to allow no opportunity to pass to work the election returns for all, and a great deal more than that, they were worth. They could not wait for the more definite returns, as people engaged in legitimate business would naturally desire to do, but must eagerly seize the very first wild rumors and put them on the wires across the ocean to pick the more unscrupulous and weak-kneed speculators who might walk into their trap.

No such a chance for gambling on a prodigious scale has been offered these fellows for years. Not even in 1896 was the opportunity for wild speculation so good, because then there was more confidence in the success of the party of the syndicate on the eve of the election, a chance like that of last night to fairly

revel in false rumors and throw quotations up and down to the tune of millions, and rake in the pots, does not often come to those great gambling establishments, and it was not surprising that the manipulators, the dealers, were sitting the night out to catch every breeze that might blow.

This is the kind of "business" that the country has been told would precipitate a panic if things did not go to suit it. These are the kind of "fortunes" that must not be jeopardized. These are the men who, in the midst of daily speculation and keenly on the hunt at all times for a cause for speculation, tell us that to change administrations would "disturb values" and do the country irreparable injury!

THE NATIONAL ELECTION.

It looks at this writing as if the republicans had again carried the country by securing the Nation's endorsement of the administration and policies of Mr. McKinley.

It can not be said that the result was unexpected, though the democracy was hopeful to the last, and confidently anticipated a different showing from that now seen in some of the larger Northern States. In the great cities of New York and Chicago, Baltimore and Cincinnati, the returns are a distinct disappointment to the democrats, and look as if the labor vote had not at the critical moment given that support to Mr. Bryan which he had a right to expect. The solidity of that vote in the larger cities and manufacturing centers, if loyal to the democratic candidate, could have changed results in such States as Illinois and New York and carried Mr. Bryan triumphantly into the White House.

If it transpires that the agricultural and labor vote in the Middle West and East has been given chiefly to Mr. McKinley, as it now appears, then must agriculture and labor make the best of its bargain possible with the great trusts and syndicates during the next four years. No people are entitled to more than they deliberately choose in the way of government, and if the evil days come and oppression grows, the people have themselves alone to blame for their misfortunes.

The democracy has made a noble fight. It has appealed alone to the conscience and the manhood of the Nation, and if it has gone down again in defeat it has nothing of which to be ashamed, nor need it be permanently discouraged. Democratic principles are eternal and political truths crushed to earth for a time will rise again with renewed vitality.

If the Post should be asked to express its conviction of the real secret of the republican triumph, it would unhesitatingly announce it in one word—money!

The vast power of wealth, poured out like water, has been able a second time to control the electorate of the country, to a point to ensure republican success.

Plutocracy it is that has again discredited democracy, and the fact is as humiliating as it is threatening to the liberties of the people.

When the precedent has once been firmly established that the presidency can be bought our degeneracy as a Republic has reached the danger line and honest patriotism has little left to hope for.

TYPICAL REPUBLICAN METHODS.

The arrest of the chief of police of New York City on the eve of the election was nothing more nor less than an effort on the part of the republican State government to intimidate the democratic city government. It was merely a typical republican election outrage.

Its significance is appreciable from the further demonstration which it furnished that the republican party ever stands ready to resort to force to carry elections or to thwart a free and fair expression of the will of the people.

The authority under which this interference in the local election, and with the local government of the city, was made, was conferred in a kind of State "force bill" passed by a republican legislature. That measure created a general superintendent of elections for Greater New York who is the appointee of the governor. This superintendent, a republican partisan, has his army of deputies who virtually take charge of the city election. The aggressiveness of these State agents has been exhibited actively and offensively from the beginning of registration down to the close of the polls.

At the time the law was enacted it was denounced by the democrats as an unwarranted interference with the rights of local self-government and an outrageous usurpation of authority and the fears then expressed of its purpose and operation seem to have been fully justified by recent occurrences.

Wherever the party of centralization and imperialistic tendencies gets the power we may expect "force bills." Disregard of popular rights and direct interference with the free exercise of constitutional self-government. And yet some Southern people affect to laugh at the idea of a National force bill!

The Boston Globe says truly that the scheme laid out by our board of naval construction "amounts to something like a National 'armada' and pertinently asks 'what do we need it for?'" It all depended on what the people said yesterday as to whether we were going to need it.

Texas has discovered that she can engage in a presidential election without neglecting her every day work or getting excited.

It's a good thing to have learned and it also shows the advantage from a business standpoint of all the citizens of a State being practically of one mind politically.

In spite of the brave talk both sides were scared half to death.

The splendid courage and appreciation of principle exhibited by Richard Olney, Cleveland's leading cabinet officer, when contrasted with the sulking and self-conceit of Cleveland himself shows the extreme difference between a really big man and the counterfeit presentation of one.

Teddy has come out of the campaign the worst ripped bag of bluster and gas that the country has ever seen.

It is to be hoped that when Cuba gets a constitution she will set this country a much needed example in respect for such an instrument.

The absence of the "hollo girls" from their accustomed places on election night was not regarded as an unkind evil in the newspaper offices.

Mr. McKinley was so afraid of having to answer some disagreeable questions that he had no trouble in maintaining the presidential dignity during the campaign—he simply hid out.

The world was a deeply interested spectator yesterday. It was recognized abroad that we had reached a critical turning point in American history.

It's a good time now to begin the discussion of the propriety of the election of the president and vice-president directly by popular vote. Then every man's vote would count.

When a good cause for speculative activity does not appear in the stock market, "rebots" is rigged up for the occasion—the gamblers must have business.

Jack Frost's value to the South has been strikingly demonstrated when Mississippi without alarm or thought of quarantine the presence of a supposed case of yellow fever within her borders.

A MANLY MAN.

In President J. J. Valentine of the Wells-Pargo Express Company.

Celso M. Spitzer, of the banking firm of Spitzer & Co., of Toledo, Ohio, and New York City wrote some time ago to Mr. Hayden, Toledo, agent of the Wells-Pargo Express company, criticizing the action of President Valentine, of the express company, in supporting William J. Bryan for president and threatening to withdraw from the company the business of his firm if Mr. Valentine continued to give voice to his opinions.

The letter was forwarded to President Valentine, who replied in a dignified but unimpeachable manner. The correspondence, which has just been made public, is in part as follows:

THE THREAT.

To C. M. Hayden, Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—We are somewhat surprised to read in the prompt publication of the country that J. J. Valentine, president of the Wells-Pargo Express company, who was a strong supporter of Bryan, has threatened to withdraw from the company the business of his firm if Mr. Valentine continued to give voice to his opinions.

We do not afford to do business with a company that has at the head of it a man who is doing everything he can to destroy our business. We know of many more large customers of yours who are talking on the same line, but don't feel like letting your people know it. We have no objection to a big crusade against your company from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

We know of a Cleveland banker who is doing the same thing that St. John received, who was a prosperous man, at the head of one of our largest banks, and who has been driven to the wall by the same kind of pressure brought to bear on the bank. The directors were obliged to ask Mr. J. J. Valentine to get the proper person to be at the head of any financial institution. We know of many more large customers of yours who are talking on the same line, but don't feel like letting your people know it. We have no objection to a big crusade against your company from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

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## CHINAMEN BAYONETED.

A Large Number Was Partly Killed and Partly Executed.

BOXERS WHO ARE CAUGHT ARE SHOT

City of Liang Chang Chung Was Captured and Fleeing Chinamen Were Bay